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AMENDMENT IN THE DRAWINGS

Replacement sheets under 37 CFR 1.121(d) are attached reflecting the examiner required corrections as outlined in the examiner's action on page 1, section 1.

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REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, and 13-20 are canceled.
2. Claim 4 is rewritten in part as claim 21 including claim 1 in part.

Claim 21 as recited above is patentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Gonska in view of looker, and over the remaining prior art cited taken singularly or in combination because it recites the following:

a vehicle support deck of a generally rectangular shape having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a deck support frame constructed from a plurality of frame members, said deck support frame having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first end, a second end and two sides, the bottom surface of said vehicle support deck is attached to the top surface of said deck support frame;

a first ramp pivotally attached to the first end of said deck support frame;

a second ramp pivotally attached to the second end of said deck support frame;

and

four casters attached to said deck support frame; and

a pivot assembly comprising a first hollow column having a first end and a second end, a second column having a first end and a second end that is rotatably received by the first column with the second end thereof extending beyond the second end of the first column, a mounting plate fixedly attached to the second end of the second column; and wherein the first end of the first column is fixedly attached to the support platform at about a center point thereof.

3. Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 22 as recited above add additional features to independent claim 21 and thus are submitted to be a-fortiori, patentable.
4. Claim 8 is rewritten as claim 23 including claim 1 in part.

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Claim 23 as recited above is patentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Gonska in view of looker, and over the remaining prior art cited taken singularly or in combination because it recites the following:

a vehicle support deck of a generally rectangular shape having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a deck support frame constructed from a plurality of frame members, said deck support frame having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first end, a second end and two sides, the bottom surface of said vehicle support deck is attached to the top surface of said deck support frame;

a first ramp pivotally attached to the first end of said deck support frame;

a second ramp pivotally attached to the second end of said deck support frame;
and

four casters attached to said deck support frame;

a hinge, wherein the support platform is of two separate pieces joined together by said hinge so that the support platform can fold into a folded compact storage position;
and

a lock means for locking the support platform in an unfolded in-use position.

Claims 24 and 25 as recited above add additional features to independent claim 23 and thus are submitted to be a-fortiori, patentable.

5. The rejection of claim 10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gonska, in view of Looker and further in view of Floe is respectfully traversed, and a reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 as amended and recited above is patentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Gonska, in view of Looker and further in view of Floe because it recites the following:

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a vehicle support deck of a generally rectangular shape having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a deck support frame constructed from a plurality of frame members, said deck support frame having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first end, a second end and two sides, the bottom surface of said vehicle support deck is attached to the top surface of said deck support frame;

a first ramp pivotally attached to the first end of said deck support frame;

a second ramp pivotally attached to the second end of said deck support frame;

four casters attached to said deck support frame;

said deck support frame is constructed of at least two longitudinal side members and a plurality of transverse members attached orthogonal to and extending between the two longitudinal side members, and wherein the longitudinal side members and the transverse members are hollow tubular members; and

a hinge, wherein the support platform is of two separate pieces joined together by said hinge so that the support platform can fold into a folded compact storage position; and

a lock means for locking the support platform in an unfolded in-use position.

6. Claim 10 as amended and recited above over comes the 35 USC 101 rejection as it no longer is a substantial duplicate of claim 2.

7. Claims 11, 12 and 26 as recited above add additional features to independent claim 10 and thus are submitted to be a-fortiori, patentable.

8. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that:

Claims 2-26, as amended, recite distinctions that are of patentable merit under 35 USC 103(a), under 35 USC 112, and 35 USC 101 for the independent claims and thus for

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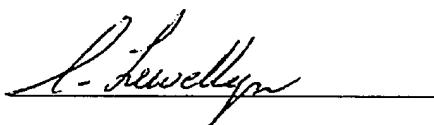
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each dependent claim as well. Claims 2-26 are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested. Allowance of claims 2-26 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted:



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